German contribution for Welfare of Tea Garden Workers

2132. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the German buyers/purchasers of darjeeling Tea pay more prices than the actual rates so that their contribution can be utilised for welfare meaurcs for the garden workers;

(b) if so, what amount of money was received by the exporters/sellers of Darjeeling Tea to German buyers during the last two year; and

(c) what welfare measures were taken with this amount with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM):(A) no such information is available with the Tea Board.

(b) and (c) do not arise.

Subsided wheat to Bread Makers by FCI

2133. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have directed Food Corporation of India for supply of subsidised wheat to all the bread manufacturing units in the country:

(b) whether this subsidised wheat is being supplied only to Modern Food Industries Limited;

(c) If so, whether Government are aware that thousands of private small scale bread manufacturing units are in deep crisis being unable to match the reduced MFIL prices which is taking advantage of the availability of subsidised wheat;

(d) whether the south India Bread Manufacturers Association has submitted representations to Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government have directed to Food corporation of India to supply subsidised wheat only to Modern Food Industries Ltd., and its franchised units.

No documentary evidence has so far been produced by any Bread Manufacturer in support of their claim that they are facing crisis for being unable to match the reduced prices of bread produced by Modern Food Industries Ltd.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

भूमिहीन मजदूरों की दुर्दशा

2134. **श्री राम जेठमलानी** :

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगें कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 24 नवम्बर, 1995 के "दि फालैंडलैस एक्सप्रेस" में "दि प्लाइट ऑफ लैंडलैस" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच हैं कि देश में ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में गरीबी-रेखा से नीचे जीवनयापन करने वालों का प्रतिशत जो 1989-90 मे लगभग 34 या, वह बढ़कर 1992-93 में 43 प्रतिशत हो गया था;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में सरकारी अनुमान क्या हैं;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने देश में गरीबी-रेखा से नीचे जीवन-यापन करने के लिये बाध्य लोगों की संख्या का पता लगाने हेतु हाल ही में कोई सर्वेक्षण कराया हैं; और

(ड.) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) जी, हां।